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Tobacco Market Opens With Prices Higher Than Lexington

Much Interest Is Taken in Opening of Market—Many Farmers Are Here—Prices Unusually High.

Maysville's 1919-20 tobacco season was opened Tuesday morning promptly at 9 o'clock and there was a great crowd of farmers on hand while every train arriving in the city brought more and every road leading to Maysville was filled with automobiles and buggies and by noon the large warehouses were crowded with persons anxious to see the market started.

The drawing for first sale resulted in the Plankers Warehouse drawing the lucky ticket but as all of the tobacco the Farmers & Planters Warehouse company had was on the floor of the Farmers house, the sale passed on to the Independent, the next house in line.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Supervisor of Sales William Mitchell declared the market opened for sales and Auctioneer Finch, of the Independent-Central, began his song over the first basket in the crop of Grimes and Detro grown in Lewis county. The first basket which was sent was purchased by the house at \$71 per hundred. The basket contained 45 pounds. The other baskets in this crop sold as follows: 25 lbs. at 69c; 25 lbs. at 75c; 15 lbs. at 38c; 50 lbs. at 62c; 85 lbs. at 23c. The entire crop was 295 pounds and brought \$115, an average of over 56c. The second crop sold was the crop of Albert Carpenter and the baskets sold as follows: 30 lbs. at 40c; 35 lbs. at 48c; 50 lbs. at 48c; 30 lbs. at 18c; 50 lbs. at 12 1/2c. Another crop grown by Pres Briggs in Lewis county weighed 2325 lbs. and brought a total of \$1,220.61. One bright basket in the crop of Fred Schlitz, Mason county, brought 97c per pound.

The buyers seemed to be bidding more spiritedly on light colored tobacco but it was all bringing high prices and many of the local tobacco men who were on the Lexington market said that the local market opened much stronger than did the biggest market in the state.

Because of the small amount of tobacco on the breaks there was but one crew of buyers operating today but as soon as the tobacco warrants it there will be another set of buyers put to representing the large dealers here now work as there are enough buyers rep-

to make up two complete sets of buyers.

The buyers on the market this morning were: Stanton Chitt, E. T. Kirk and Theo Kirk for R. J. Reynolds; Roy Smith and J. C. Burwell for Liggett and Meyers; Major Thomas and J. B. Strickland for J. P. Taylor Company; Mr. Franke and Raymond Helzer for the Helzer-Tuck Company; John Walker for Walker Brothers; A. T. Williams and T. A. Duke for The American Tobacco Company; T. H. Gray and Thomas Cook for T. H. Gray besides some ten or twelve speculators who were seen to be bidding quite freely.

There was less tobacco on the market today than there has been on any opening day in recent years but the very high prices which maintained are expected to cause the farmers to get a hustle on them and it is expected that there will be very much tobacco delivered on the local market within the next few weeks.

Sales will be held daily and the farmers will not be delayed for there are plenty of buyers and there is plenty of room in the warehouses.

Sales were held today at the Independent, Farmers, Growers and the buyers were at the Peoples late this evening. Reports obtainable at 3:30 o'clock follow:

Independent
Pounds sold 27,260
High price \$114.00
Low price 12.50
Average 35.72
Fred Schultz's crop averaged \$70.80.

Growers
Pounds sold 29,465
High price \$100.00

LOCAL MEN TO OPERATE ON GRAYSON MARKET

Messrs. W. E. Smith and Robert Willocks leave this evening for Grayson, Ky., where they will operate this season for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Mrs. Fannie Davis, Reconstruction Aide, in service at U. S. General Hospital No. 43 is spending her furlough at her home in East end.

In the County Court, C. F. Owens was appointed to appraise the property of William P. Branel for inheritance tax.

CLOSING ORDERS FOR MAYSVILLE REMOVED BUT COAL IS CUT

Mayor Russell Received Telegram Removing Restrictions From Maysville If 10 Per Cent. of Coal Supply Is Cut Off.

In answer to his telegram to the Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta asking that Maysville, being in trade competition with Cincinnati, be given the same exemptions from the fuel restrictions as Covington, Newport and other suburbs of Cincinnati, Mayor Russell Monday night received a message which practically lifts the ban here on the closing of stores.

The Fuel Committee's telegram to Mayor Russell says that the restrictions need not apply to Maysville if the city is a 90 per cent. Natural Gas city and if the city will agree to reduce their consumption of coal 10 per cent. The Mayor advised the committee that Maysville used at least 90 per cent natural gas for fuel and that the amount of coal used for fuel here was so small as to amount to practically nothing in comparison.

The telegram received by the Mayor said nothing in regard to the removal or modification of orders not in effect as regards manufacturing establishments, etc., but seemed only to affect stores and business houses which have been compelled to remain closed under the strict orders of the Fuel Committee as a means of conserving fuel.

FARMERS AND PLANTERS

Sold Today 54,845 Pounds at An Average of \$57.23 Per Hundred.

The following is a list of all sales: W. H. Stout, 630 lbs., average, \$55.32
Shafe Boles, 2275 lbs., 55.47
Mitchell & Brittingham, 3690 lbs., 55.19
Key and Lane, 785 lbs., 53.05
Barrett & Griffith, 2940 lbs., 50.31
King & Bradford, 1660 lbs., 79.55
Sherwood Bradford, 185 lbs., 78.54
Oscar Funk, 625 lbs., 77.11
Lindsay Pogue, 230 lbs., 75.27
Mahlon Kirk, 345 lbs., 74.78
Key & Adams, 4320 lbs., 66.11
Cyrus Bradford, 2010 lbs., 64.45
Jens Jefferson, 740 lbs., 64.45
Mrs. E. P. Pogue, 70 lbs., 62.85
L. D. Stout, 1490 lbs., 61.21
Owens & Chain, 2645 lbs., 60.60

Six crops totaling 3990 lbs. averaging from \$50.00 to \$60.00.
Ten crops totaling 7960 lbs. averaging from \$40.00 to \$50.00.
Ten crops totaling 10,615 lbs. averaging from \$30.00 to \$40.00.
Three crops totaling 1,095 lbs. averaging from \$20.00 to \$30.00.
Two crops totaling 840 lbs., averaging \$15.00.

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FARMERS & PLANTERS TOBACCO WAREHOUSE COMPANY, INC.
A. L. POWERS,
President and Sales Manager.

FEW CALENDARS ARE NOW BEING ISSUED

Because of the high cost of printing, paper, etc., there are being fewer calendars issued this season as last. Several of our progressive insurance men, however have had large calendars issued which they are now distributing among their friends and hanging in public places.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO HAVE LONG XMAS. HOLIDAY

County Superintendent Turnipseed announced this morning that all county schools will be closed on the Wednesday before Christmas and will remain closed until the Monday after New Year's Day to permit the school children to celebrate the holidays.

BIG RESTAURANT PLANNED FOR MAYSVILLE

It is understood that several of our local men are organizing a company to open in the center of our city in the very near future a large and very attractive eating house fitted with all of the latest and most modern restaurant equipment. Such a restaurant will be kept busy.

GOOD WEATHER FOR THE HANDLING OF TOBACCO

The rains of Monday night put tobacco in splendid condition for handling and many farmers spent the day today busy in their crops getting them ready for delivery to the local market this week.

WILLIAM BECKETT AND SON DEVELOP PNEUMONIA

Man Whose Home Was Burned and Was Horribly Burned About the Face and Neck and Eleven Year Old Son Have Little Chance to Recover.

Mr. William Beckett, whose home near Bridgeport was burned early Monday morning and whose little son was burned to death, has very slim chances for recovery from the severe burns he sustained and his eleven year old son, Charles, is also feared for. Physicians today announced that both Mr. Beckett and his son had developed severe cases of pneumonia from the exposure and as Mr. Beckett is horribly burned about the neck, it is feared that he cannot recover.

The mother and little three day old baby who were exposed to the cold night air in a barn for more than an hour, are both reported as doing nicely. Neither the mother or the babe have even a cold and physicians now think that they will both escape the illness they at first feared.

Mr. Clarence Beckett, of the East end, who is a brother of William Beckett, came to Maysville this afternoon from his brother's present home and says that there is little hope held out for either Mr. Beckett or the boy.

FORMER SCHOLARS ARE ASKED TO SIGN REGISTER

Students of Miss Sallie Burrows Asked to Visit Her or Write Her Between December 21-28.

Miss Sallie Burrows, of Front street, who for the past years has been an invalid and confined to her home on account of rheumatism, is anxious to have the signature of as many of her former students who are living as possible.

Miss Sallie, as all her old scholars know her, taught in the Maysville public schools for many years and has taught two generations in several families. She was also for more than 30 years a Sunday School teacher in the First M. E. Church, South, and conducted a mission Sunday School in the East end of the city where she had hundreds of scholars.

Her friends suggest that all of her old school or Sunday School scholars who are living in Maysville call at her home in Front street sometime between 2 and 9 p. m. between Sunday, December 21 and December 28 to shake her hand and sign their name to a register she is anxious to have. It is also suggested that all of her former students who live out of Maysville write her during that period a post card and the relatives and friends of former scholars upon seeing this article are asked to write their absent relatives or friends advising them of this arrangement.

If every one of her former students should sign the register or write her a card she would have hundreds of signatures but many have gone on before her.

REMOVAL OF TRAIN IS GREATLY FELT HERE

The removal of the morning L. & N. train from the Maysville division this morning is being greatly felt in Maysville. It was a great disadvantage to the tobacco market as many persons who would have been on the market were unable to be here and it has also proven a great disadvantage to the merchants as shoppers are unable to reach here in the morning.

Rev. C. R. Thomas, of Vanceburg, passed through the city today en route to Lexington to attend the Inter-State meeting.

COMPLETE ORGANIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT CO. MONDAY

Nearly \$75,000 of the Needed \$100,000 Capital of Maysville Development Company Is Subscribed—Organization Monday.

Those who are promoting the organization of the Maysville Development Company for the purpose of building new houses in the city to house new residents, are more than pleased with the manner in which the people of Maysville are supporting the proposition.

At a meeting of those leading in the movement held on Monday night, it was reported that nearly \$75,000 of the capital stock of \$100,000 had already been subscribed and at this meeting it was decided that the campaign for stock subscription be continued until next Monday evening when a general meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the County Court House and at this meeting a charter will be adopted and officers for the new company will be elected.

Immediately following this meeting the charter will be requested of the Secretary of State and as soon as the charter is granted the company will begin its operations. The company hopes to be able to build at least one hundred new homes in Maysville next spring. This will house a large number of people and will also give employment to all of our local tradesmen for several months.

Those who have not yet taken stock in this company organized solely for the development of the city of Maysville, should make their purchase immediately so that as much of the capital stock as possible shall be paid in when the general meeting is held on next Monday evening.

COAL COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS HERE

The Harlan-Kellikka Coal Company, owners of coal mines in Harlan county held a meeting in Maysville yesterday and elected the following officers for the year:

President—E. T. Kirk.

Vice President—George Mitchell.

Secretary-Treasurer—George Ballou.

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Saleswoman at HUNT'S. Apply immediately.

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Night Watchman is Foully Murdered

Watchman at Cotton Mills Murdered at Early Hour This Morning—Coroner and Police Investigate.

Benjamin A. Schumacher, who for a number of years has been the trusted night watchman at the January & Wood Company's Cotton Mills, was found dead on the fourth floor of the plant when employees entered the building this morning to begin work. Under the right eye and directly over the heart was found two large holes torn by discharges from a shot gun. There were burns about both wounds indicating that the person who discharged the gun was near his victim at the time.

Coroner Higgins was called to investigate and he immediately called in Chief of Police Harry A. Ort. Both of these officials reached the conclusion immediately that this was a case murder. Both officials began investigations which may lead to the arrest of suspects but up until this afternoon no arrests have been made.

Schumacher's body was found by Mary Richie, an employee of the Cotton Mills. She had gone to the fourth floor of the building to go to work when she came upon the body and immediately she called to other employees. Schumacher was lying directly inside a door way leading from the rear room on the fourth floor into the room directly in front of it. Sitting near the doorway in the rear room was his lantern and it is supposed that he sat his lantern down and entered the other room when he was shot in the face. The wound over the heart was probably inflicted after he had fallen as blood on a cotton bale near this door indicates that he first fell against it and then staggered to where his body was found.

In the rear room and near his lantern was found a button from the dead man's overalls which might indicate that there was a struggle in the rear room before the other room was entered but police do not put much faith in this theory, being more ready to believe the first theory that Schumacher was shot as he entered the second room and without warning. Either of the wounds would have been sufficient to have killed the man almost instantly and this, according to officials, dispels any suicide theory.

Investigation by the officers discloses that there was no damage done to any of the plant's machinery and nothing was stolen from the plant. Schumacher's pocketbook containing money was found on his body and his pockets had not been rifled. This seems to clear up a theory of robbery as a motive and officials believe that the only possible motive for such a terrible crime was personal enmity.

Schumacher was last seen at 12:25 Monday night by the fireman at the Electric Light Plant, adjoining the Cotton Mills. At that time he was in the engine room of the Electric Light Plant talking with the fireman. He left the plant and re-entered the Cotton Mills. The time clock in the Cotton Mills office, which registers visits of the watchman to various parts of the large building, had not been wound and was stopped so that his "punchings" during the night were not recorded and it is impossible by this means to learn when he last reported over this system. It is thought, however, that the murder must have been committed about one o'clock Tuesday morning.

Coroner Higgins has not as yet set a time for the formal inquest desiring to make further investigations and to give the Police Department more time to get into the case more thoroughly.

Every theory has been cleared up by both the Coroner and the Police except that some personal enemy of Schumacher's slipped into the building and climbing to the top floor of the building near the rear, where a gun report would be least liable to be heard on the streets, laid in wait for the man to make his regular trips over the building and then without warning shot him to death.

The body of the dead man was taken to Higgins & Slatery's morgue where it was prepared for burial.

Schumacher was 56 years of age and is survived by his wife and six small children. He had been the night watchman at the Cotton Mills for a number of years and was considered a very trustworthy employee. He was a quiet sort of man and was not thought to have had personal enemies.

Officials are working hard on this case as this is the first murder committed in Maysville in years and all

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